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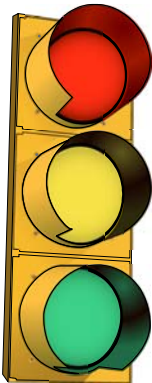
Modifications to Duplicate Editing for Dispensing/Supply Fee Codes for Oral Anti-Cancer, Oral Anti-Emetic, Immunosuppressive, and Inhalation Drugs

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Pharmacies and suppliers billing Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

If you bill Medicare for services with an HCPCS code of E0590, this change may impact you.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

This article provides information on HCPCS code E0590, for which DMERCs paid dispensing fees for nebulizers. **Although E0590 was discontinued January 1, 2005, the DMERCs could still receive valid claims for the code due to timely filing rules.**

GO – What You Need to Do

Be aware of these changes as they could affect your reimbursements.

Background

In addition to the change mentioned relative to HCPCS code E0590, remember that the DMERCs will only pay dispensing fees when also making payment for the associated oral cancer, oral anti-emetic, and immunosuppressive drugs.

Reminder: A pharmacy that submits a claim for G0374 (90-day dispensing fee) may not receive another dispensing fee (G0371 or G0374) until 90 days after the date of service on the claim for G0374.

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Additional Information

Beneficiaries are required to pay the normal co-pay and deductibles on dispensing fees.

For further details on these fees, see the MLN Matters article MM3620, which was based on CR 3620. That article may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/mm3620.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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